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FEATHER LIGHTS

Macabre and golden the moon opened a slant of light.

A triangle for an oriole to stand and sing, "Take me home."

A layer of thin white gold feathers for a child queen of gypsies.

So the moon opened a slant of light and let it go.

So the lonesome dogs, the fog moon, the pearl mist, came back.

THE NAKED STRANGER

It is five months off.
Knit, stitch, and hemstitch:
Sheets, bags, towels, these are the offerings.
When he is older, or she is a big girl,
There may be flowers or ribbons or money
For birthday offerings. Now, however,
We must remember it is a naked stranger
Coming to us; and the sheath of the arrival
Is so soft we must be ready, and soft too.

Knit, stitch, hemstitch, it is only five months.

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It would be easy to pick a lucky star for this baby
If a choice of two stars lay before our eyes—